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For : DSL MODEM APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-521194, which was published
on July 8, 2003, together with the English language Abstract of patent family member
International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/56184, which was published on
August 2, 2001;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-500855, which was published
on January 8, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of patent family member
International Patent Application Publication No. WO 99/50967, which was published on
August 2, 2001;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-008536, which was published
on January 10, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants

note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0022270 to NOMA et al., which was published on February 5, 2004; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-087352, which was published on March 20, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,694 to NOMA et al., entitled "DSL Modem Apparatus and Communication Control Method," which was filed on February 20, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,678 to NOMA et al., entitled "DSL Modem Apparatus and Communication Control Method," which was filed on February 20, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/772,308 to NOMA et al., entitled "ADSL Modem Apparatus and Communication Method Thereof," which was filed on February 6, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/772,309 to NOMA et al., entitled "ADSL Modem Apparatus and Communication Method Thereof," which was filed on February 6, 2004; and

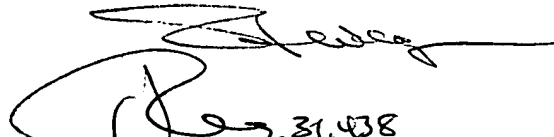
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/781,698 to NOMA et al., entitled "ADSL Modem Apparatus and ADSL Modem Communication Method," which was filed on February 20, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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